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RAJYA SABHA

Corruption cases against Chief Engineer of AIR

2441. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of corruption cases have been registered by the Department against Chief Engineer level-II of Civil Construction Wing, All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to divest the officer of sensitive charge and financial powers as per guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Chief Engineer level-II of CCW, AIR is facing disciplinary proceedings for failure to maintain integrity, gross misconduct in two cases.

(c) and (d) There is only one post of Chief Engineer (Level-II) in CCW of Prasar Bharati, it is for Prasar Bharati to make appropriate administrative arrangements keeping in view the circumstances.

Incentives for talented producers and executives in AIR/DD

2442. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati have provision for special incentives for producers and executives in AIR and Doordarshan who are talented creative writers etc.; and

(b) how much of such talent trained at the expense of Government in India and abroad has strayed to private sector in the last five years?